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In re the application of: **Claude BASSO, et al.**

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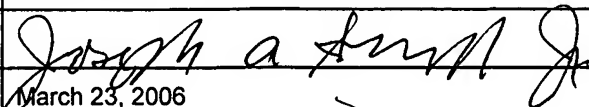
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**LETTER TO DRAFTSMAN REGARDING DRAWINGS**

Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice of Allowability for the above-captioned application dated January 11, 2006, enclosed herewith are four (4) replacement sheets of formal drawings.

If there are any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

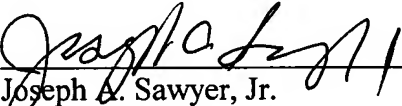
Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reason for which the claims are allowable. In particular, Applicant does not concede that all the identified limitations - i.e., In reference to claims 1,13, 23, 32, 38, 41 and 44: Xu (US PAP 2004/0117682) in view of Hou et al. (IEEE Article, 'Incorporation of Optimal Timeouts into Distributed Real-Time Load Sharing') does not teach that writing one of the timer values for each of the connections to a global timer array. The global clock counter of Xu stores only a single global clock counter value. This clock counter is not an array of multiple timer values. The global clock counter of Xu does not store timer values written from a connection table. Further, Hou et al. does not disclose how timeouts are grouped, written

or stored; Hou is concerned with determining or calculating timeout values for distributed processing tasks rather than a method in which each one of the active connection is associated with a plurality of timers. Xu and Hou et al. does not further teach the method of restarting timer values when date is communicated in relation to a predetermined time interval – are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, Applicant notes that the remaining dependent claims may also be allowable on their own merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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